Nainital is not connected by the railway line. However, the expansion of railway network is an ongoing process and the new line projects are taken up on operational and other considerations from time to time. Further, a number of railway projects are already in progress, some of which would be providing rail connectivity to the remote, hilly and mountainous areas of the country.

Track circuits

3846. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) in how many sections track circuiting has been completed so far;

(b) what is the present backlog; and

(c) time frame to complete the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) Track circuiting works have been completed on Indian Railways as per following details :

Sl. No.	Type of track circuit	Total locations provided with track circuit so far
1.	Fouling Mark (FM) to Fouling Mark (run thru line)	4118
2.	FM to Block Section Limit (BSL) (straight portion)	3612
3.	Home to FM (straight portion)	3169
4.	FM to BSL (turnout portion)	3009
5.	Home to FM (turnout portion)	2885
6.	Loopline	2675

(b) The work of FM to FM track circuiting is in progress at all balance stations upto 'E' route. Works of FM to BSL track circuiting are in progress on complete main line upto 'D' spl. route and on straight portion upto 'D' route.

(c) All the sanctioned, in progress, track circuiting works are likely to be completed by 2006-07.